



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 14 November, 2017

1. The House met at 11.13 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 9 November, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following visitors in the Gallery:
 - (i) Staff and Students of *Pinky & The Brain School*, Dutse Alhaji, Abuja;
 - (ii) Members of *Niger Delta Student's Association*, Northern Zone; and
 - (iii) Members of *Students' Representative Council*, the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo State.
4. **Petitions**
 - (i) A petition from Idris Ahmed on alleged fraudulent conversion of the sum of ₦43,000,000.00 (forty-three million Naira) meant for the purchase of properties by the Deputy Controller of Customs, was presented and laid by Hon. Aliyu Madaki (*Dala Federal Constituency*); and
 - (ii) A petition from Hamdalla Chambers (Corporate Legal Consultants Advocates), on behalf of Adamu Suleiman Yakubu, on his dismissal from service by the National Universities Commission, was presented and laid by Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen (*Ijumu/Kabba-Bunu Federal Constituency*).
Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.
5. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
 - (i) *Investigate Alleged Multi Million Naira Contract Scam in the Ministry of Defence:*
Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen (*Ijumu/Kabba-Bunu Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need to Investigate Alleged Multi Million Naira Contract Scam in the Ministry of Defence:

The House:

Aware that the entire media space has been awashed with an alleged duplication, misappropriation and mismanagement of a multi million naira contract in the Federal Ministry of Defence;

Also aware that some high ranking appointees and officials in the Ministry of Defence were allegedly involved in the contract scam that has gone viral and not in sync with the efforts of the Federal Government to fight corruption;

Observes that the contract was for the relocation and refurbishment of Level 2 Hospital under the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali;

Also observes that the Level 2 Hospitals which are funded by the United Nations and awarded to countries who contribute troops/police to global peace missions, carry out limited surgeries including life, limbs and organs on officers and men on military duties;

Concerned that the scandal blew open following United Nations directive that Nigeria should move the Level 2 Hospital from its present temporary camp at the Timbuktu airport in Mali to the more secured new UN Super Camp also in Timbuktu;

Worried that in desperate bid to cover its tracks, the Ministry of Defence in February 2017 allegedly awarded a contract for the refurbishing and relocation of the Hospital to a Contractor who had zero experience in installation of Level 2 Hospital;

Also worried that the Ministry of Defence apart from awarding the contract in the name of another firm after getting Presidential approval, also flouted the procurement guidelines of the Bureau for Public Procurement;

Disturbed that as a consequence for not meeting the United Nations August 2017 deadline for relocation of the Hospital to a new location, Nigeria has been asked to withdraw its remaining contingent to the United Nations African Mission in Darfur;

Also disturbed that the shady deals allegedly perpetrated by top functionaries in the Ministry of Defence has led to Nigeria losing the deployment of Level 2 Hospital to Rwanda, as directed by the UN;

Alarmed that while countries like Bangladesh, Ghana, Senegal with fewer troops-contribution to the United Nations Missions are earning huge foreign exchange, Nigeria, with one of the highest troop-contingent, is not only losing money but axed from participation in the peace keeping mission;

Also alarmed that due to the selfish and greedy antics of some officials of the Ministry of Defence, Nigeria has gone down from No. 5 to No. 9 in troop contributing country global rating and dropping from No.1 to No.5 in Africa and in the African Union.

Resolve to:

Mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, and Public Procurement to carry out a comprehensive Investigation on the matter and report back within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen – Kabba Bunu/Ijumu Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.**Agreed to.**The House:*

Aware that the entire media space has been awashed with an alleged duplication, misappropriation and mismanagement of a multi million naira contract in the Federal Ministry of Defence;

Also aware that some high ranking appointees and officials in the Ministry of Defence were allegedly involved in the contract scam that has gone viral and not in sync with the efforts of the Federal Government to fight corruption;

Observed that the contract was for the relocation and refurbishment of Level 2 Hospital under the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali;

Also observed that the Level 2 Hospitals which are funded by the United Nations and awarded to countries who contribute troops/police to global peace missions, carry out limited surgeries including life, limbs and organs on officers and men on military duties;

Concerned that the scandal blew open following United Nations directive that Nigeria should move the Level 2 Hospital from its present temporary camp at the Timbuktu airport in Mali to the more secured new UN Super Camp also in Timbuktu;

Worried that in desperate bid to cover its tracks, the Ministry of Defence in February 2017 allegedly awarded a contract for the refurbishing and relocation of the Hospital to a Contractor who had zero experience in installation of Level 2 Hospital;

Also worried that the Ministry of Defence apart from awarding the contract in the name of another firm after getting Presidential approval, also flouted the procurement guidelines of the Bureau for Public Procurement;

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Also alarmed that due to the selfish and greedy antics of some officials of the Ministry of Defence, Nigeria has gone down from No. 5 to No. 9 in troop contributing country global rating and dropping from No.1 to No.5 in Africa and in the African Union.

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, and Public Procurement to carry out a comprehensive Investigation on the matter and report back within two (2) weeks (HR. 157/2017).

(ii) ***Remembering Ken Saro Wiwa and Eight Other Ogonis, 22 Years after their Death and the Need to Expedite Action on the Clean Up of Ogoni Land:***

Hon. Chinda Kingsley (Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Remembering Ken Saro Wiwa and Eight Other Ogonis, 22 Years after their Death and Need to Expedite Action on the Clean up of Ogoni Land:

The House:

Notes with dismay the despoliation of the Ogoni environment and indeed that of several other Niger Delta Communities occasioned by decades of oil exploration activities in the region:

Also notes the gruesome murder of some Ogoni Chiefs and elders (Chief Kiba and 8 others) and the consequent trial and death sentence on renowned writer and environmentalist, Ken Saro Wiwa and eight other Ogonis on 10 November, 1995 by the military government of late General Sani Abacha:

Further notes that following this, and at the request of the Federal Government of Nigeria, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) conducted an independent assessment of Ogoniland and proffered options for remediation:

Conscious of the clear provisions of Section 20 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as variously amended) that “*the State shall protect and improve the environment and safeguard the water, air and land, forest and wild life of Nigeria*”, which environment of course includes that of the Niger Delta region:

Aware that the UNEP study amongst other things showed the nature and extent of oil contamination and covered contaminated land, ground water, surface water, sediment, vegetation, air pollution, public health, industry practices as well as the implications for affected populations and provides clear operational guidance as to how that could be addressed:

Also aware that UNEP's field observations and scientific investigations found inter alia that:

- (i) oil contamination In Ogoniland (and in deed across the Niger Delta) is widespread and severely impacting many components of the environment, and that though the oil industry is no longer active in Ogoniland, oil spills continue to occur with alarming regularity and the people live with this pollution daily,
- (ii) there is contaminated soil and ground water,

- (iii) there are destroyed vegetation and mangroves,
- (iv) there is destruction of aquatic life due to hydro-carbons which affected local fishermen, loss of income and source of livelihood,
- (v) there are public health concerns and people are exposed to hydro-carbons in and outside air and drinking water; and also exposed through dermal contacts from contaminated soil, sediments and surface water;

Further aware that UNEP having concluded its study over five (5) years ago, made numerous recommendations which once implemented, would have an immediate and positive impact on Ogoniland, for example, the restoration of Ogoniland, Remediation by Enhanced Natural Attenuation (RENA), land based contamination should be dealt with first before beginning a clean-up of the creeks;

Still aware that on August 4, 2011, UNEP presented its report to former President Goodluck Jonathan and the report completely confirmed the claims of the Ogoni people that “*neglectful environmental pollution laws and sub-standard inspection techniques of the Federal Authorities have led to the complete degradation of the Ogoni environment, turning the environment into an ecological disaster*”;

Concerned that twenty-two (22) years after the death of Ken Saro Wiwa and seventeen (17) other Ogonis, nothing has changed and Ogoni land and indeed other parts of the Niger Delta is still highly devastated;

Also concerned that several years after presentation of the UNEP report, the Federal Government has been terribly slow to act on it, whilst the Ogoni people continue to wallow in pain and anguish, a situation that has led to protests by local communities and some Civil Society Groups such as the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People (MOSOP); Ogoni Solidarity Forum (OSF); Environmental Rights Action (ERA)/Friends of the Earth Nigeria (FoEN); and Social Action amongst others;

Worried that the Federal Government's efforts at addressing the issues raised in the report by hurriedly launching the clean-up process is cosmetic or at best 'a mere window-dressing' as it has been largely ineffective, ineffectual and short of the expectations of the Ogoni people and in deed the Niger Deltans and all reasonable persons;

Disturbed that the Ogoni people and in deed the entire Niger Delta continue to drink contaminated water and sea food is being scrounged from the polluted water and the community people still process their foods in crude coated creeks;

Also disturbed that the situation is already generating ill feelings, despondency and anger amongst the Niger Delta people and unless the UNEP report is fully implemented, they would continue to suffer pain and feel alienated in their land; a situation that could further lead to break down of law and order in the region.

Resolves to:

- (i) observes a minute silence in honour of Ken Saro Wiwa and the eight other Ogonis who were brutally hanged on 10 November, 1995;
- (ii) condemn in strong terms the continuing pollution in Ogoni land and other parts of the Niger Delta;

- (iii) urge the Federal Government to declare Ogoniland an ecological disaster zone and invest resources to tackle the environmental disaster in Ogoniland and indeed other parts of the Niger Delta; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat, Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to monitor level of progress or otherwise of implementation of the clean-up and report to the House quarterly for further legislative action (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayer (i) (Hon. Benjamin Wayo — Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with dismay the despoliation of the Ogoni environment and indeed that of several other Niger Delta Communities occasioned by decades of oil exploration activities in the region;

Also noted the gruesome murder of some Ogoni Chiefs and elders (Chief Kiba and 8 others) and the consequent trial and death sentence on renowned writer and environmentalist, Ken Saro Wiwa and eight other Ogonis on 10 November, 1995 by the military government of late General Sani Abacha;

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6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Nigerian Financial Intelligence Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB.1210).
- (2) Hate Speech (Prohibition) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1211).
- (3) Nigerian Tourism Development Authority Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1212).
- (4) Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1213).
- (5) Presidential Inauguration Bill, 2017 (HB.1214).

7. Presentation of Reports**(i) Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the Request for the Approval of External Loans for Issuance of USD2.5 Billion in the International Capital Market through Eurobonds or a Combination of Eurobonds and Diaspora Bonds, for the Financing of the Federal Government of Nigeria 2017 Appropriation Act and Capital Expenditure Projects; and Issuance of \$3Billion Eurobond in the International Capital Market and/or Loan Syndication by Banks for the Refinancing of Maturing Domestic Debt obligations of the Federal Government" (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Inland Waterways Authority Act, Cap. N47, LFN, 2004 and to Re-enact the Nigerian Inland Waterways Act, Establish the Nigerian Inland Waterways Authority to Provide for the Management, Regulation and Development of the Nigerian Inland Waterways and to Provide Private Sector Participation in the Development of the Nigerian Inland Waterways; and for Related Matters (HB. 267 and HB. 854)" (*Hon. Ajanah Muhammed Kabir — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Ports Authority Act, Cap. 126, LFN, 2004 and to Re-enact the Nigerian Ports and Harbours Act, Establish the Nigerian Ports and Harbours Authority to Provide for the Ownership, Management and Development of Ports and Harbours; and for Related Matters (HB. 569 and HB. 855)" (*Hon. Ajanah Muhammed Kabir — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (iv) **Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Coastal and Inland Shipping (Cabotage Act) No. 5, 2003; and for Related Matters (HB. 529)" (Hon. Ajanah Muhammed Kabir — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. **Consolidation of Bills:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2011 to Provide for Additional Conditions for Accessing of Fund for Capital Projects by Beneficiary Institutions to embark on their own Capital Projects instead of relying solely on the Fund for Capital Development; and for Related Matters (HB. 967); and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act, 2011 in Order to Review some Provisions to give the National Assembly certain Powers under the Act; and for Related Matters (HB. 1057) be now consolidated" (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to specify the Minimum Qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, Ownership of Intellectual Property and to Provide for Pre-Action Notice to the University Authority; and for Related Matters (HB. 1116) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to specify the Minimum Qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, Ownership of Intellectual Property and to Provide for Pre-Action Notice to the University Authority; and for Related Matters (HB. 1116) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Muhammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.

10. **Call for Rehabilitation of the Dilapidated Ulasi-Okija Bridge along Onitsha-Owerri Federal Road**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes the economic importance of Onitsha-Owerri road to the people of the South Eastern part of the country, as it facilitates the movement of people and goods within the axis and also serves as an access route to the South South zone of the country;

Aware that many sections of the road have dilapidated and are hardly motorable, particularly the Ulasi - Okija bridge which is on the verge of collapsing as a result of over flooding from the incessant heavy downpours in the South East zone as well as depression which is taking a toll on the bridge due to heavy vehicular usage;

Concerned that with the brittle ecological nature of the area, considering how prone it is to erosion, a total collapse of the bridge will be more devastating to the people;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently embark on an assessment of the Ulasí - Okija Bridge with a view to making adequate provisions for its immediate reinforcement/reconstruction; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on FERMA, and Works to ensure the inclusion of the reconstruction of the bridge in the 2018 budget (*Hon. Chukwuemeka Anohu — Ihiala Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 159/2017).

Motion referred to the Committees on FERMA, and Works, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

11. Call for Reconstruction and Upgrading of Kano-Gumel- Mai Gatari Federal Highway into a Trunk "A" Road

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Federal Highway linking Kano with Niger Republic through Gumel and the border town of Mai Gatari in Jigawa State has continued to serve as a major trade corridor for agricultural products, especially livestock to various parts of Nigeria since the colonial times;

Aware that the Mai Gatari livestock market in Jigawa State is among officially gazetted Nigerian Markets, with an Export Processing Zone status, Immigration, Customs, and Mounted Troops facilities, being a gateway to Niger Republic;

Concerned about the deplorable state of the Trunk "B" Road which has remained a major cause of accidents, especially between Gumel and Mai Gatari, a 26-kilometers distance, leading to avoidable loss of lives and property on frequent basis;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include the reconstruction of the Kano-Gumel- Mai Gatari Road in the 2018 budget proposal and upgrade it to a Trunk "A" Road; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Muhammed Sani Zorro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 160/2017).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

12. Call to Include Construction of the Road Connecting Saki to the Proposed Okerete International Border Market in the 2018 Budget

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. **Need to Check the Menace of Gully Erosion in Jahun, Aujara and Harbo Towns in Jahun Local Government Area of Jigawa State**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

14. **Need to Investigate the Violation of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act (NOGICD), 2010 in the Refusal of International Oil and Gas Companies to Use Local Assets and Marine Facilities Owned by Nigerian Companies**

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act (NOGICD), 2010 was enacted to ensure measurable growth of Nigerian content in oil and gas exploitation processes;

Also notes that Section 12 of the Act provides that first consideration will be given to Nigerian goods and services in the evaluation of bids for goods and services required for projects by Oil and Gas Companies;

Further notes that Section 15 of the Act requires all Operators and Alliance Partners to give full and fair opportunities to indigenous contractors and companies in the award of contracts;

Aware that indigenous companies had spent money to procure vessels which are now lying fallow at the Ports as the IOCs and Multi-National Companies have refused to engage their services and would rather engage the services of foreign vessels that are not flying Nigerian flags and sometimes, working through Nigerian companies as decoy;

Determined to put an end to the flagrant violation of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act (NOGICD), 2010 by International Oil and Gas Companies;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Local Content to investigate the process of engaging vessels by International Oil and Gas Companies with a view to determining whether the processes comply with the provisions of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act of 2010 and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Daniel Reyenieju — Warri South/Warri West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (ii) as follows:

"That the investigation of the violation of the Local Content Act, 2010 be based on violations and/or contracts that arose after the Act was passed" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere 1 Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act (NOGICD), 2010 was enacted to ensure measurable growth of Nigerian content in oil and gas exploitation processes;

Also noted that Section 12 of the Act provides that first consideration will be given to Nigerian goods and services in the evaluation of bids for goods and services required for projects by Oil and Gas Companies;

Further noted that Section 15 of the Act requires all Operators and Alliance Partners to give full and fair opportunities to indigenous contractors and companies in the award of contracts;

Aware that indigenous companies had spent money to procure vessels which are now lying fallow at the Ports as the IOCs and Multi-National Companies have refused to engage their services and would rather engage the services of foreign vessels that are not flying Nigerian flags and sometimes, working through Nigerian companies as decoy;

Determined to put an end to the flagrant violation of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act (NOGICD), 2010 by International Oil and Gas Companies;

Resolved:

- (i) to mandate the Committee on Local Content to investigate the process of engaging vessels by International Oil and Gas Companies with a view to determining whether the processes comply with the provisions of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act of 2010 and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action; and
- (ii) that the investigation of the violation of the Local Content Act, 2010 be based on violations and/or contracts that arose after the Act was passed (**HR. 161/2017**).

15. Consideration of Reports

(i) *Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the Request for the Approval of External Loans for Issuance of USD2.5 Billion in the International Capital Market through Eurobonds or a Combination of Eurobonds and Diaspora Bonds, for the Financing of the Federal Government of Nigeria 2017 Appropriation Act and Capital Expenditure Projects; and Issuance of \$3 Billion Eurobond in the International Capital Market and/or Loan Syndication by Banks for the Refinancing of Maturing Domestic Debt obligations of the Federal Government and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Supply to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"That the House do approve the issuance of \$2.5 billion Eurobond in the international capital market through Eurobonds or a combination of Eurobonds and Diaspora bonds for the financing of the Federal Governments 2017 Appropriation Act and Capital Expenditure Projects in the Act" (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That the House do approve the issuance of \$3 billion Eurobond in the international capital market and/or Loan syndication by banks for re-financing the maturing domestic debt obligations of the Federal Government" (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"That the prior approval of the National Assembly shall be sought and obtained as to the parties, structure, cost of syndication and other terms and conditions of a Loan syndication intended to be utilized in re-financing of maturing domestic debt obligations" (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

"That the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management should monitor the disbursement of the proceeds of the approved \$1.5 billion Eurobonds as specified in the 2017 Appropriation Act" (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, line 2, *leave out* the figure "\$1.5 billion" and *insert* the figure "\$2.5 billion" (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Recommendation (iv) as amended, stand part of the Report — Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the Request for the Approval of External Loans for Issuance of USD2.5 Billion in the International Capital Market through Eurobonds or a Combination of Eurobonds and Diaspora Bonds, for the Financing of the Federal Government of Nigeria 2017 Appropriation Act and Capital Expenditure Projects; and Issuance of \$3 Billion Eurobond in the International Capital Market and/or Loan Syndication by Banks for the Refinancing of Maturing Domestic Debt obligations of the Federal Government and approved Recommendations (i) - (iii), and approved Recommendation (iv) as amended.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

16. Consideration of Reports

That items 9 and 10 on the **Order Paper** be deferred to the next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3) (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

17. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till 1.40 p.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.35 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker